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COATING & ARTICLES CONSTRUCTED THEREFROM

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<u>AMENDMENT & RESPONSE</u>

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 37, amend claims 1 & 33, and add claims 43-46 as follows.

(twice amended) A method of coating a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) [making] providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
- b) advancing a substrate along a path;
- dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein the complex viscosity of the thermoplastic composition is less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/second and ranges from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second;
- d) suspending said film between said coating device and said substrate;
- e) contacting said film with said advancing substrate.

* see fee for extra extra claims & multiple dependent claim on paper #7